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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TECHNICIAN TRAINING
PROGRAM (EMS/EMT)

1. SUMMARY DR. SOBHY FAHMY, MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS CONTACTED SCIATT EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT QUOTE TERMINATION UNQUOTE OF EMS/EMT ASSISTANCE AND LACK OF PROMISED FOLLOW UP. MINISTER OF HEALTH ALSO CONCERNED. END SUMMARY.

2. DR. FAHMY SAYS THAT EVANS TOLD HIM DURING RECENT VISIT THAT EMS TRAINING WOULD NOT BE CONTINUED AND NO FURTHER INSTRUCTOR TEAMS WOULD BE COMING. MINISTER OF HEALTH HAS, HE SAYS, PROMISED PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY THAT MOH WILL BE IN POSITION TO ESTABLISH TRAINING PROGRAM FOR 1000 EMS TECHS/YR BY END OF 1977. ONE MONTH TRAINING PROGRAM IN EGYPT CARRIED OUT BY STEPHANY ET AL DURING NOV/DEC 1976 DID NOT TRAIN ENOUGH PERSONNEL FOR THIS PURPOSE. ALSO, ONLY A FEW OF THESE WERE TRAINED TO BE INSTRUCTORS THEMSELVES.

3. FAHMY IS NOW UNDER GREAT PRESSURE TO PRODUCE EMTS'. HE FEELS IT ESSENTIAL TO HAVE MORE EGYPTIAN INSTRUCTORS TRAINED BY US SPECIALISTS AND TO HAVE US EVALUATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF AT LEAST INITIAL COURSES TAUGHT BY EGYPTIAN INSTRUCTORS.

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HE SAYS THAT STEPHANY DISCUSSED FOLLOW ON PROGRAM AND HE HAD EXPECTED A NEW TEAM EARLY THIS YEAR.

4. FAHMY ALSO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE AMBULANCE SPECIFICATIONS ADDITIONAL MANNIKENS AND OTHER MATERIAL PROMISED BY STEPHANY. HE CANNOT ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL TRAINING CLASSES WITHOUT THE REQUESTED MATERIAL. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.

5. COMMENT-EMB AND AID/C CONCUR IN DESIRABILITY OF HAVING FOLLOW ON EMT TRAINING TEAMCOME TO EGYPT TO CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE MORE CLASS TO TRAIN EGYPTIAN INSTRUCTORS AND TO EVALUATE EFFECTIVENESS OF EGYPTIAN TRAINING CLASS. NUMBER OF EGYPTIAN INSTRUCTORS TRAINED DOES NOT APPEAR ADEQUATE TO INSURE REASONABLE CONTINUOUS TRAINING PROGRAM HERE (EVEN IF MOH 1977 GOALS ARE TOO HIGH).

6. WE ALSO SEE UTILITY IN EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FIRST GROUP OF EGYPTIAN TRAINEES, BOTH INSTRUCTORS AND EMT'S, TO PROVIDE MOH WITH A USEFUL CRITIQUE AS DEPARTURE POINT FOR THEIR OWN EFFORTS. WE SHOULD DO WHAT WE CAN TO INSURE THAT NUMBER OF EMT'S EFFECTIVELY TRAINED STANDS CHANCE OF REACHING A CRITICAL MASS; OTHERWISE PROGRAM WILL NOT ACHIEVE AIMS AND WILL BE DISAPPOINTING TO MOH. THIS ACTIVITY HAS BEEN ONF OF JWGMC ACTIVITIES WHICH HAD SOME MEASURABLE IMPACT DURING PAST YEAR. SCIATT HAS DISCUSSED THIS POINT WITH COL. STEPHENS HEW/HRA.

7. WE FEEL THAT A REASONABLE NUMBER OF TRAINED EMT'S WILL ENHANCE THE UTILITY OF THE AMBULANCES LISTED FOR CIP PROCUREMENT. MINISTER OF HEALTH BADRAN OBVIOUSLY HAS, AND HAS PUBLICALLY STATED, HIS HIGH CONFIDENCE IN USG PERFORMANCE IN THIS AND OTHER JWGMC AREAS.
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